



## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, February 25, 2013

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, and Hunt were present. Director Olson was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Deputy Superintendent Dan Butler, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer, and Executive Directors Dorcas Wylder and Jared Hoadley.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended (a presentation to former Mead School District principal and current Deer Park superintendent Becky Berg was added at 6:15 p.m. as part of *Remarks for the Good of the Schools* and the MSS Site Study Final Report Q & A was moved up in the agenda to take place prior to *Continuing Business*). Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2013, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Eric Bjerkestrand, current Mead HS ASB President, accompanied by next year's ASB President Max Alley and two members of the Mead HS ASB class, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The girls basketball team has qualified as one of only eight teams to compete for the state 4A championship in Tacoma March 1-2, 2013. The team was the district and regional champion and Coach Quantae Anderson was named GSL Coach of the Year. Tyler McLean (160 lbs.) and Chandler Rogers (170 lbs.) were 4A wrestling champions in their respective weight classes at the recent state wrestling tournament. The spring play *Almost Maine* opens March 6. The boys basketball team earned the distinction of being named 4A Academic State Champions. The jazz choir recently placed first at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and the band just returned from Orlando, Florida. Replacing retiring coach Judy Kight, Elaina Renius was named the new head volleyball coach. Elaina played volleyball at Gonzaga University for three years and has been coaching at the middle and high school levels for the past seven years.

Executive Director of Learning Services Dorcas Wylder recognized three Mead School District teachers, Paula Cote (Colbert), Shari Hartwig (Brentwood) and Tiffany Degenhart (Mead HS), for their work as members of the first Washington State-Managed Smarter Balanced Item Writing Committee. Their work on this committee focused on common core state standards in mathematics.

Ms. Wylder additionally shared information on the latest State Board of Education Achievement Index indicating that 92% of our schools have a good or above rating. A discussion followed on the index scoring criteria. Director O'Connor pointed out it is hard for a school to move from 97% to 98% in a given category. One problem with the current index scoring is that this 1% increase would result in a lower rating than for a school moving from 40% to 60%.

Superintendent Rockefeller directed the attention of the board and audience to the large screen where a video/audio feed was established between Mead and Deer Park. He then presented Deer Park Superintendent Dr. Becky Berg with a "Certificate of Accomplishment" from the Mead School District in recognition of her election to the office of 2013 International ASCD President. Prior to

moving to Deer Park Dr. Berg was the principal at both Evergreen Elementary and Prairie View Elementary. As a show of support several of the teachers she worked with at Prairie View were in attendance.

Deputy Superintendent Dan Butler reported that on February 26, at Mt. Spokane High School, leadership from district secondary schools and the community would be meeting with Ford Next Generation Learning from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. He extended an invitation to the board to attend this activity.

Matt Miller (Director of Technology and CTE) announced the district's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STEM Night will take place on March 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Mead HS. Last year more than 600 parents, students and community members attended. Students who will be entering grades 5-12 next year, and their parents, have been invited to the event, which will feature 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade programs, the high school engineering and bio med programs and Riverpoint Academy.

In answer to a question regarding the district's Robotics Competition, Mr. Miller reported it was a very successful event highlighting the fact that the Mountainside Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade team chose to compete in the high school division and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In conclusion Superintendent Rockefeller reported that the Northwood afterschool STEM Club, who recently won the state CEFPI School of the Future competition to qualify for the Pacific NW regional competition (one of three schools), had not yet learned how they placed in the regional competition. Students designed a new Northwood on the old Kaiser site. Their project will be on display at the March 12 STEM Night.

#### **IV. MSS Site Study Final Report – Q & A**

Facilities Director Ned Wendle introduced the following members of the MSS Site Study Committee: Krista Hanson, Peter Enkema, Dave Nelson (committee chair), John Barrington (Mead HS AD) and Paul Kautzman (Mt. Spokane HS AD). This was followed by a lengthy question and answer time. Topics discussed included: the present and future location of transportation, the historical significance of the original portion of the old Mead High School, a sports complex and/or football stadium, the appropriateness of the site for a future school, turf costs and office space needs.

At the conclusion of the discussion board members thanked committee members for their time and valuable input.

#### **V. Continuing Business**

##### **A. Resolution 13-1 Safety Plan**

Superintendent Rockefeller presented Resolution 13-1, Safety Plan, for board consideration. If approved this resolution would authorize the formation of a small advisory group of seven to ten people to develop a six-year Safety Plan, based on a district-wide needs assessment with equitable input from the Mead community. Knowing the safety needs of the district would be beneficial in determining and prioritizing long-range safety needs.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve Resolution 13-1, Safety Plan. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Resolution 13-2 Capital Facilities Plan**

Superintendent Rockefeller presented Resolution 13-2, Capital Facilities Plan, for board consideration. If approved this resolution would authorize the formation of a study group of 12 to 14 people, including a representative from a local architectural firm, to update/develop the district's six-year Capital Facilities Plan, based on a district-wide needs assessment with equitable input from the Mead community. Knowing the capital facility needs of the district would be beneficial in determining and prioritizing long-range capital facility needs.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2, Capital Facilities Plan. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

Following the board thanking Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer for his proactive communication with employees requesting "leave without pay" and Director O'Connor notifying other members of the board that she had talked with Superintendent Rockefeller earlier in the day about repeated large reimbursement checks to the same individual, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement Mead Combined Trades Association**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer reported that in January 2013 the Mead Combined Trades Association (MCTA) and the Mead School District reached a tentative one-year contract agreement for the 2012-2013 school year. The association has ratified the tentative agreement.

For the most part the 2011-2012 contract was rolled forward for one year with only minor grammar/language clarification changes reflected in the draft 2012-2013 CBA. From a fiscal standpoint wage and benefits are identical to those provided in the 2011-2012 contract.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the one year contract agreement between the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Establish Board Retreat Date**

After discussion Director Hunt made a motion to set Friday, March 15, 2013, noon - 5 p.m. for a Mead School District Board Retreat. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. First Reading Policy 3416 Revision Medication**

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley presented a revision to Policy 3416 - Medication - for first reading.

On June 7, 2012, a revised state law expanded the types of medication a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner may delegate to a public or private school employee to administer. This amended law expands the approved administration list from oral medications to include topical medication and eye drops or ear drops. The inclusion of this expanded list of medications is reflected in the presented draft revision to Policy 3416.

After discussion it was recommended the policy include a reference to inhalers and EpiPins.

This was the first reading of a policy revision. No action was requested.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Financial Report for the month of January 2013**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of January 2013.

### **B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller distributed an article from WSU's February 2013 *Education News* highlighting the partnership between WSU Spokane and Riverpoint Academy. He additionally reported he will be working on a superintendent evaluation task force in conjunction WSSDA.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:50 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:20 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**